

Parish Collection £586.19
 Diocesan Youth Service £50.00

The parish account details for Standing Orders are:

Bank: Allied Irish Bank

Account name: St Marys Mission Ipswich

Sort code: 23-85-87

Account Number: 32581081

Gift Aid Tax payers can increase the value of money donated by £1 for every £4 at no extra cost to themselves. Please complete the form on the web-site.

<https://st-mary.org.uk/gift-aid>

With grateful thanks for your continued support.

Our Parish Family - please pray for:

- Those who are unwell; especially Sheena Barker, Maria Beckett, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Tony Cairns, Nigel Day, Arabella Garrett, Gill Gleghorn, Adrian Hambly, Lily Healey, Val Irwin, Sandra Jones, Edward Kay, David Knight, Paul Major, Maria Maltby, Veronica Mason, Alice McLeod, Joan McPhillips, John McPhillips, Angus Murray, Margaret O'Rourke, Tom Patten, Brenda Peters, Ferial Rogers, Joan Roper, Max Steel, Fr John Warrington and John Williams. *(New entries in bold)*
- The repose of the soul of **Audrey Kelly RIP** who died early on 25th November. Please keep Audrey and all her family in your prayers.*
- Those whose anniversaries are at this time: Bridget Agnes O'Toole, Irene Merrigan, Louis McCarthy, Ernest Roling, Eric Horne, Barbara Arthur, Mary Wallace, Mary Fearon, Charlotte Oakley, Charlotte Oakley, Hylda March, Millicent Stanley, Catherine Adams, Dora King, Mother St. James, Cirillo Suma, Frances Maria Edwards and Annette Maria Southgate. *May they rest in peace.*

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): By appointment
Baptisms and Marriages are celebrated by appointment.

How to access live streaming and other useful links can be found on the parish website <https://www.st-mary.org.uk> You can link directly to the parish YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCJ4RA2ocNUgNNombaKiy5A>



THE NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Catholic Parish

St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's Road, off Woodbridge Road & The Church of the Holy Family & St. Michael, Main Road, Kesgrave. Telephone 01473 728115

Newsletter: newsletter@st-mary.org.uk Web: www.st-mary.org.uk

First Sunday of Advent 28 November 2021 Year C

1st Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm To you, O lord, I lift up my soul.

2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

Gospel Alleluia, alleluia!

Acclamation Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

(Psalter Week 1)

Mass Times and Intentions

Sa	HF	18.00	Rosario+ Jaime+ Feliliq+ Gregorio (C & M Williams)		
Su	SM	09.00	Thanksgiving (Jackson & Riya)	LS	1st Sunday of Advent
	HF	09.15	All Buried in Holy Family Cemetery (F)		
	SM	10.30	For the People of the Parish		
	SM	18.00	Parishioners of St Mary's (F)		28th November
M	SM	09.15	Open Intention	LS	Advent Feria
Tu	SM	09.15	Marian & John Barton (A & Gleave)	LS	St Andrew
W	SM	09.15	Caroline Ann Burnham (F)	LS	Advent Feria
	HF	10.00	Margaret Edmondson (C Phillips & Family)		
Th			No Mass		Advent Feria
F	HF	10.00	Margaret Edmondson + (Sue & Julian Burrows)	LS	St Francis Xavier
	SM	17.30	Purie Rebello + (A & S Rebello)		
Sa	SM	09.30	Roy Herbert ofs + (Ipswich Secular Franciscans)	LS	Advent Feria
	HF	18.00	Barlow Family (Maureen Morrision)		
Su	SM	09.00	Edwina, Ellen, Geoffrey Bayley (T Bayley)	LS	2nd Sunday of Advent
	HF	09.15	Priests who've served St. Mary's (F)		
	SM	10.30	Noemi Doblas+ (Melvin & Lani)		
	SM	18.00	For the People of the Parish		

HF Holy Family

SM St Mary's

LS Live Streamed

This Sunday we begin the **Season of Advent**, the Season of Preparation, Expectation and Waiting for the celebration of Christmas. We begin a new year in the life of the Church and with it we enter **Year C** for our Sunday readings (The year of St Luke) and **Year II** for weekday readings.

Honouring Sunday The Bishops of England and Wales released a statement following the November 2021 Plenary Assembly about the importance of honouring Sunday. An extract from the statement is below, and the full text can be found on the parish website and on the church noticeboards,

The Gift of the Sunday Eucharist

The Sunday Eucharist is a gift; as God's holy people we are called to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible. When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation, it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ's love.

At this time, we recognise that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass.

Responding to the Gift

We now encourage all Catholics to look again at the patterns which they have formed in recent months with regard to going to Mass on Sundays. This would include consideration and reflection about what we might do on Sundays, such as sports or shopping, or other leisure and social activities. This review, and the decisions which arise from it, fall to every Catholic and we trust this will be done with honesty, motivated by a real love for the Lord whom we encounter in the Mass.

Carol Service The parish Carol Service will take place on Sunday 12th December at 3pm in St. Mary's Church.

... We recall that the purpose of the Synod, and therefore of this consultation, is not to produce documents, but "to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands ...



For further information
www.synod.va
synodus@synod.va

Bringing joy this Christmas



Sincere thanks to those who brought Gift Vouchers to church today

NEXT WEEKEND, Dec 4th/ 5th is the final opportunity to help those parents who are struggling to make Christmas special for their children

The food bank also welcomes:

Biscuits, Sweets, Chocolates

The Synodal Pathway The survey for the Synodal Path in our Diocese will go online on our Diocesan and parish website from this weekend November 27/28, Advent Sunday.

Please take the time over the coming weeks to prayerfully complete the survey and return it to the Parish Team Leaders—Jean Johnson and Mathew Thomas. Every response is valuable!

Synod 2021 2023 The remaining meetings where parishioners have an opportunity to contribute to this process are as follows:

SVP, Sacristy, Musicians & singers	7. 00pm Wed 1 Dec (SM)
Confirmation and other youth groups	4. 30pm Sat 11 Dec (SM)

If you cannot attend dates designated for your group, please feel free to attend any group.

Repository Christmas cards and gifts are available from the repository

Advent Taizé Service in St Mary's

Thurs, Dec 2 @ 7. 30pm

(45 mins approx)

and

streamed

<https://youtu.be/pWcqv5ipFgw>

The focus is on songs that celebrate the Light of Christ. Therefore the symbols of darkness and light play an important part in this celebration

Dependent Priests Fund Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Dependent Priests Fund. This fund supports our retired priests and those who are unable to work in active ministry. Gift Aid envelopes for this collection are available in both churches.

Fr Paul Spellman the following weekend, 11th/12th December there will be a collection to say thank you to Fr Paul for all his work and support during his time in the parish.

Advent Day of Reflection: Preparing our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child, drawing upon scripture from Luke's Gospel. Wednesday, 8th December 10.30am to 3pm in the Parish Rooms, Holy Family, followed by Holy Mass. Please bring your own lunch. Drinks may be provided if needed. Contact Winnie Annison 07837133425 to book a place.

Confirmation Candidates of 2021. A huge thank you to each and everyone of you who raised an amazing £227.67 in your collection boxes for Missio. This is a wonderful effort and deeply appreciated. I do hope that you will all consider bringing a red box into your homes to continue your walk with Missio, let me know if you want one! Again, many thanks and huge congratulations on your Confirmation. Pat Chamberlain, Missio Secretary (Ipswich).

Calling all Young People in Y7 and above. You are invited to join in with **Carol Singing**. All abilities are welcome. We will be participating in the Parish's Carol Service on the **12th Dec** and singing at a couple other venues too. Practices will be held on the **4th** and **11th Dec 2021** in the parish hall from 6 to 7pm. If you are interested, please contact Winnie on 07837133425.

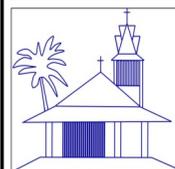
Defibrillator for St. Mary's Church A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to this fund; **£2,750** has been raised which is enough to cover the initial expenditure and maintenance for a while. The fund will be closed for now as the next phase of the project begins, deciding on the correct option to be installed inside the church.

Crafting for Christmas We so enjoyed making the Poppies a couple of years ago that we thought we would try a Christmas Craft session. If you would be interested in this, please email Jean McSorley at jmcsorley@hotmail.com. When we know how many people would like to take part and if you would prefer Morning/afternoon/evening session, we can arrange a day and a time. We look forward to hearing from you. *Jean McSorley and Pat Chamberlain*

Christmas Wreath Workshop Wednesday 1st December 7 - 9 pm at St James' Church Hall, Landseer Road, Ipswich. IP3 9LU. Everything will be provided but if you have any special decorations you would like to incorporate, please bring them along. For more information and to book your place contact Janet Irvine on 01473 659779.

Deputy Headteacher required at St Alban's Catholic Primary School Cambridge. Are you an inspiring Deputy Headteacher who would like to work in a very successful school in the heart of Cambridge city? We are looking for someone new to fill this position due to the promotion of our current Deputy. For more details contact Joanne Koehler, School administrator, on 01223 712148, office @stalbans.cambs.sch.uk or http://www.stalbans.cambs.sch.uk/vacancies/job_opportunities.html
This post is from February half term 2022. Closing date Fri 3 Dec.

Applications for Reception 2022 places should be made through the Suffolk County Council Admissions website www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-primary-school-place-20222023/ **St. Mary's Primary School requires a completed Supplementary Form (SIF) which can be found on our website** www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com under Key Information - Admissions. Both forms should be submitted by 15th January 2022. Thank you



This year's Christmas Food vouchers for those in need in our twinned parishes are now available on St Mary's website in a print yourself format for a donation. The amount you donate is at your discretion but you might like to use as a guide the price of the pre-pandemic vouchers, which were £5 £10 £20. Anything above this is of course most welcome too.

Thank you in advance for your long standing support and your customary generosity. Be assured that the friendship between our communities is valued by our Cambodian brothers and sisters who are always appreciative of what you do for them and keep you in their prayers.

How to donate

Donations can either be made by cheque payable to '**Friends of Cambodia**' and left at St Mary's Presbytery/Church for the attention of Val Olsen, or by bank transfer to the following account;

Barclays Bank

Account Name: Friends of Cambodia

Sort Code: 20-44-51

Account number: 73175731

Reference: gift voucher

If you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration form, available as a link on the Parish website (under Parish Information / Gift Aid) or printed at the back of both Churches, mark it 'Cambodia' and return to the presbytery. If you have already completed one of these for Cambodia (separately from the Parish) you do not need to complete another, this will be automatically gift aided. If you are unsure, do complete another, just in case. It makes your donation go further at no extra cost to you.

Please note that to help those without access to the Internet or printing facilities, it is planned to sell a small number of vouchers after Mass in the second half of December.



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

St Mary's Ipswich SVP Conference

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is a Catholic organisation that seeks to help anyone lonely or in need of regular contact. Our Parish SVP would like to know of People who might like support, a friendly visit or just a chat on the phone. If you know anyone who might benefit from a visit, please contact **Debbie** on **01473 410871**